

## Explore the Sea of Scholarships Like a Shark!

Did you know that many scholarships are based on much more than your family income? Your major, grades, ethnicity, nationality, and any number of things that are special about you may make you eligible for scholarships.

## Check these free online resources:

[fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

[college-scholarships.com](http://college-scholarships.com)

[scholarsaid.com](http://scholarsaid.com)

[finaid.org/scholarships](http://finaid.org/scholarships)

[unigo.com](http://unigo.com)

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)

[gocollege.com](http://gocollege.com)

[chegg.com](http://chegg.com)

[careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx](http://careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx)

## Remember

**#1—Apply for Financial Aid**

**#2—Apply for Multiple Scholarships**

**#3—Beat the Crowd**

**#4—Aim for Success**

**#5—Find Your Edge and Invite Reviews**

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### Financial Aid and Academic Records

Office of Financial Aid

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328-2004

800-806-3680 or (954) 262-3380

[finaid@nova.edu](mailto:finaid@nova.edu)

[nova.edu/financialaid](http://nova.edu/financialaid)

NSU Federal School Code: 001509

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# SCHOLARSHIP TIPS

## A Practical Guide to Maximize Your Options



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## Opportunity Knocks

As you navigate your college career, it is important to take time now to plan your financial future.

Along with local, state, and federal financial aid programs, NSU offers many scholarship opportunities to assist students in meeting their educational goals. The best resource for updated information is the NSU scholarship website, since many new funds become available during the year. So, look now and look often.

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(954) 262-3380 • 800-806-3680

[nova.edu/financialaid/scholarships](http://nova.edu/financialaid/scholarships)

FAFSA website: [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)



## Beware of Scams

As college costs continue to rise, students and their parents search for ways to cover their educational expenses. There are some unscrupulous companies that take advantage of the situation by “guaranteeing” scholarships and grants in exchange for an advance fee.

## Scholarship Tips

### #1—APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.

Don’t assume you won’t qualify. Plenty of scholarships and free grants are available regardless of income, but you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to prequalify for most.

File your FAFSA as soon as it becomes available each year at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). NSU’s federal school code is 001509.

### #2—COMPLETE THE NSU SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE ANNUALLY.

By completing the NSU profile each year, you are automatically considered for thousands of dollars in institutional awards. Additionally, look for scholarships at religious organizations, local and national groups such as Rotary Clubs, professional unions, and labor organizations. If you don’t find a match in one place, keep looking. You never know which ones will come through. Several small scholarships can pay off just as well as one large one.

### #3—BEAT THE CROWD.

Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Check deadlines and submit your application(s) early.

### #4—AIM FOR SUCCESS.

Carefully read the eligibility requirements for each scholarship, and apply accordingly. Fully complete applications to avoid instant disqualification. Whenever possible, supplement your application with personal letters of recommendation. Document your community service activities and awards. Find creative ways to enhance your application and show the scholarship committee why your skills make you the perfect candidate.

### #5—FIND YOUR EDGE AND INVITE REVIEWS.

Scholarship providers read thousands of essays responding to the same prompt, which makes it critical for you to find your edge and use it to your advantage. One practice that will help is having someone else review your work. Before you submit your application, ask a friend or family member for feedback. A second set of eyes can easily catch typos and inconsistencies that we may have trouble seeing ourselves.

### The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) cautions students and parents to look for these telltale lines:

- “I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship.”
- “The scholarship will cost some money.”
- “You’re a finalist” in a contest you never entered.

If you determine you are the victim of a scam, you can file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov).